

DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION

As an inventor named below, I hereby declare that:

- (1) my residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name;
- (2) I believe I am the original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter that is disclosed and claimed, for which a U.S. patent is sought, on the invention entitled:

"RETAINING RING WITH TRIGGER FOR CHEMICAL MECHANICAL POLISHING APPARATUS"

the patent specification and claims of which are attached hereto;

(3) I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified patent application, including the claims;

(4) I hereby acknowledge a duty to disclose information that is material to examination of this application in accordance with 37 C. F. R. 1.56;

(5) I hereby appoint the following patent attorney to prosecute this application and to transact all business concerning this application in the United States Patent and Trademark Office:

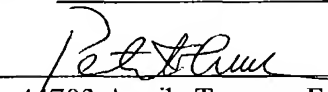
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(6) I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my knowledge are true, and that all statements made herein on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of this application or any patent that issues on this application.

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